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1. Between 11 and 17 November 1950, the Bismarck Kaserne on Weissenfölscher Strasse, Naumburg (H 52/J 89), was occupied by an estimated 600 troops. About one third of the windows of the headquarters building on Weissenfölscher Strasse at the corner of Luxemburgstrasse, were lighted at dusk. Officers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were seen leaving the headquarters building and going to the officers' billets on Luxemburgstrasse. Two thirds of the windows of the barracks building east of the headquarters building were lighted at dusk. Soldiers observed there wore black epaulets. Some of them had their hair closely cropped. All the windows of the second barracks building west of the guardhouse were lighted in the evening. Soldiers there wore black epaulets. Half of the windows of the third barracks building west of the guardhouse were lighted at dusk. Soldiers seen there wore black epaulets with signal insignia. In the mess and PX building, only the windows in the upper floor were lighted. All the windows in the two new buildings in the rear of the billeting area were lighted. The buildings seemed to be occupied to capacity.

2. The Hindenburg Kaserne on Schoenburger Strasse was occupied by about 600 troops. Half of the windows of the first building behind the guardhouse were lighted at nightfall. Some rooms on the ground floor, having powerful light-bulbs, seemed to be offices. All windows of the second building behind the guardhouse, the mess and PX building, and two buildings along the Naumburg-Teuchern railroad line were lighted. [redacted] the number of troops quartered there had recently increased. Soldiers observed in the billeting area wore black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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3. The Hubertus Kaserne on the north side of Flemminger Weg quartered about 300 troops. Two buildings in the eastern barracks section, located between the guardhouse and the garages, were occupied by dependents. [redacted] about 100 troops were quartered in each of the three buildings between the guardhouse and the boiler house. One of these buildings quartered soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets and the other two buildings soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Two buildings for mess and PX purposes in the western section of the billeting area, quartered about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Each of the three or four buildings in the northern section quartered about 100 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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The eastern section of the garage building was apparently used by the troops stationed in the Bluecher Kaserne on the south side of Flemminger Weg. About 30 officers wearing red-bordered black epauletts with artillery insignia were seen on their way from the officers' billets in the eastern barracks section to the town. [redacted]

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4. The Bluecher Kaserne on the south side of Flemminger Weg quartered 600 to 700 troops who wore black-bordered red epauletts without branch-of-service insignia. The troops seemed to be evenly distributed throughout all barracks buildings. Four AA guns of about 75 mm, one range finder, one tent, about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts, and five trucks [redacted] were observed just west of the installation. The range finder, about 4 meters long, was dug in and covered.

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5. A canvas-covered AA machine gun was mounted on a concrete tank of the waterworks, between the Bluecher Kaserne and the town of Flemminger. The guard at the AA gun wore red-bordered black epauletts.
6. The Barbara Kaserne on Breidschoitstrasse was occupied by 300 to 400 troops who wore black epauletts, some of them with signal insignia. The officers were billeted in requisitioned houses opposite the installation.

7. The sentry at the parking lot at the Oberlandesgericht (superior provincial court building) near the cathedral wore black-bordered red epauletts. [redacted]

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8. The military hospital on Karl-Marx-Strasse, with 300 to 400 beds, was only lightly occupied. [redacted]

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9. On the evening of 17 November, half of the windows of the Ross Hotel on the street triangle on Jakobaring were lighted. A Soviet office opposite the Ross Hotel was staffed with about 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epauletts and black-bordered red epauletts. [redacted] Telephone lines led from this office to the Ross Hotel and the Oberlandesgericht, from where they ran to the Soviet quarters at the Moritzwiesen. \*

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- \* [redacted] Comment. The number of troops observed in the individual installations during the first half of November is considerably higher than in the summer and fall of 1950, but in some installations is substantially smaller than in the winter of 1949/1950. For example, the Bismarck Kaserne quartered about 1,500 troops in March 1950 compared with 600 troops in November, and the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered 1,000 to 1,200 troops in February compared with 600 troops in November. The Hubertus Kaserne and the Bluecher Kaserne had been occupied each by 2,000 troops in February and March. [redacted] Since most of the headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and most of the units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are likely to have returned to their post in Naumburg from the Kindel troop training grounds in October, it is believed that the barracks installations were occupied by more troops than stated in the present report. [redacted]

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